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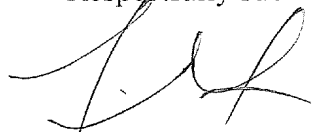
### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough and detailed examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action dated May 29, 2008. Claims 114, 118-121, 123-135, 141, and 144 are pending and under examination in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 114, 118-120, and 132-134 are allowable. Claims 121, 123-131, 135, 141, and 144 have been cancelled without prejudice in the present amendment in the interest of expediting issuance of the allowed claims.

### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any small matters outstanding of resolution, she is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,

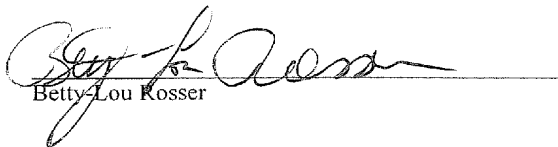


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